GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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FAKE MEDICAL BILL SCAM IN DDA
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Medical Bill Scam has been exposed in the Delhi Development Authority;

(b) if so, the date on which the Government came to know about this scam and the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) the details of the officers/employees to whom payments were made against the fake medical bills alongwith the details in regard to the amount of bills paid; and

(d) the total number of officers/employees to whom the payments were made against the fake medical bills alongwith the number of those who were instrumental in making such payments?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a)&(b): The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has reported that on receipt of a complaint regarding fictitious medical reimbursement of bills on 11.5.01, the matter was investigated by their Vigilance Deptt. The allegation regarding the fictitious bills could not be substantiated during the inquiry. However, on scrutiny of selected bills cases of slackness in audit of bills were noticed. The officials found responsible have been identified and a proposal to initiate departmental proceedings against the defaulting officials under Delhi Development Authority Conduct, Disciplinary and Appeal Regulation 1999 has been sent to the Central Vigilance Commission. Government called for a report from the DDA on 16.7.2001 on the medical scheme wherein it was intimated to it that a vigilance enquiry had been initiated by the DDA suo-motu to examine the complaints.

The medical facility which was being provided by seven empanelled nursing homes and hospitals on credit basis has been withdrawn w.e.f. 1.4.2001. Further vide orders dated 4.10.2001 reimbursement cost towards medical treatment from these seven nursing homes and hospitals has also been disallowed till further orders. As regards the role of empanelled nursing homes and hospitals the advice of the Directorate of Health Services, Govt. of NCT of Delhi has been sought.

(c)&(d): DDA has reported that no case of fake medical bills has been noticed.